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1. Near Zalaegerszeg there is a small refinery which processes petroleum from the Nagylengyel fields. This petroleum has a high bitumen content. Not far from Zalaegerszeg, southeast of Lake Balaton, there is a large peat bank. Experiments are in progress on drying this peat and then impregnating it with petroleum from the Zalaegerszeg refinery. Thus allegedly good quality fuel has been obtained to replace pit coal.
2. It is the present intention to establish facilities next to the refinery, where the peat can be dried and impregnated.
3. Moreover, experiments have shown that this fuel can be used in driving locomotives. It has been decided that a number of locomotives on the Hungarian railroads are to begin using this fuel in July 1954. The advantage of this fuel is that the ordinary firing arrangements need not be changed.
4. It is also believed that this fuel will be used in electric power plants. Reportedly the Kelenföld plant will start to use this fuel in August 1954.

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